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REQUEST FOR FACILITATIVE ASSISTANCE

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SUBJ: VISIT OF NEW ZEALAND CUSTOMS OFFICIAL

1. MR. J A M (JACK) KEANE, COMPTROLLER OF CUSTOMS, WILL REPRESENT GNZ AT FORTHCOMING CCC (CUSTOMS COOPERATION COUNCIL) MEETING. ENROUTE BACK TO NEW ZEALAND HE HAS BEEN ASKED BY MINISTER OF CUSTOMS TO PAY SHORT VISITS TO UNITED STATES AND CANADA IN ORDER TO MEET WITH HIS COUNTERPARTS AND DISCUSS MATTERS OF MUTUAL INTEREST.

2. IN PARTICULAR, HE IS INTERESTED IN VIEWING AND DISCUSSING CUSTOMS TECHNIQUES AT PORTS AND AIRPORTS OF ENTRY AS WELL AS POST OFFICES, INCLUDING USE OF ELECTRONIC AND X-RAY EQUIPMENT FOR DETERMINING CONTENTS OF PACKAGES, ETC. HE IS ALSO EXTREMELY INTERESTED IN LEARNING HOW US CUSTOMS AND DEA HAVE ADDRESSED THE LEGAL AND OTHER PROBLEMS OF UNCLASSIFIED

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ITEMS. SINCE THE MAJORITY OF SUCH ITEMS ENTERING NEW ZEALAND ARE SUSPECTED TO ARRIVE IN THE MAILS, ESPECIALLY FIRST CLASS, NEW ZEALAND IS PARTICULARLY CONCERNED OVER THE PROBLEM.

3. MR KEANE WILL ARRIVE DULLES INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT FROM LONDON VIA PANAM FLIGHT 107 AT 1355 ON FRIDAY, JUNE 21, AND WILL REMAIN AFTERNOON OF TUESDAY, JUNE 25. THE NEW ZEALAND EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON KNOWS OF MR. KEANE'S VISIT, AND ARRANGEMENTS AND SCHEDULES FOR HIS WASHINGTON PROGRAM SHOULD BE COORDINATED WITH THE EMBASSY. JACK KEANE AND THE CUSTOMS DEPARTMENT, AS WELL AS THE NATIONAL DRUG INTELLIGENCE BUREAU, WHICH HAS CUSTOMS REPRESENTATION, WORK CLOSELY WITH THE EMBASSY NARCOTICS COORDINATOR, ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION AND OPERATION DEEPFREEZE OFFICIALS. EMBASSY SUGGESTS MR. KEANE SHOULD MEET WITH CUSTOMS AND DEA OFFICIALS AS WELL AS S/NM. POSSIBLY, UPON ARRIVAL, HE COULD VIEW CUSTOMS PROCEDURES AT DULLES. THE DEPARTMENT'S ASSISTANCE IN SETTING UP AND COORDINATING A COMPREHENSIVE PROGRAM FOR MR. KEANE'S VISIT WILL BE GREATLY APPRECIATED AND SHOULD GREATLY ENHANCE OUR JOINT COOPERATIVE EFFORT IN STOPPING THE FLOW OF INTERNATIONAL CONTRABAND.
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